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New Wall Brings Safety and Stability

USAID empowers community development councils



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Attendees at the completion ceremony for Community Development Council Center in Deh Sabz Village.

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Deh Sabz Village is located in Adraskan District, 95 km west of Hirat Province. Due to a lack of resources in the Afghan government, many of the community's grievances remained unaddressed, creating a gap between the government and the local communities.

Community development councils play a vital role in the relationship between communities and the local government. The councils convene meetings aimed at identifying the priority needs of the community and act as a conduit for community-government relationships.

At the Deh Sabz Community Development Council Center, the lack of a surrounding wall affected the safety of the community while meeting with their local Afghan government representatives and holding wedding and funeral ceremonies. The open space of the center was prone to insurgent attacks.

At the request of the community, USAID-funded the construction of 190-meter surrounding wall. The community constructed the surrounding wall in coordination with the Provincial Line Department of Rural Rehabilitation and Development. The community and local government warmly welcomed the initiative as crucial to providing the grounds for community-government communication and cooperation, a key factor for stability.

At the completion ceremony, the executive manager of the district governor said, "Now the center enables us to easily meet with community members. The community is now benefiting from the center by using it to hold ceremonies." He called on the community to pay particular attention to the future maintenance of the center.